

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
JANUARY 8, 1958

This regularly adjourned meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, January 8, 1958; Councilmen Fuller, Katzakian, Mitchell, Robinson and Hughes (Mayor) present; none absent. City Manager Graves present. City Attorney Mullen absent.

On motion of Councilman Katzakian, Fuller second, the minutes of December 18, 1957, and January 2, 1958, were approved as written and mailed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

REZONING
LODI AVENUE
BETW. CHURCH
& PLEASANT
ORD. NO. 607
INTRODUCED

Mayor Hughes called for public hearing on the rezoning of the north side of West Lodi Avenue between Church Street and Pleasant Avenue from R-4 Multiple Family Residential to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial. There being no protests, either written or oral, Ordinance No. 607, approving the requested rezoning, was introduced on motion of Councilman Robinson, Mitchell second. Councilman Katzakian abstained from voting because of personal interest in the area to be rezoned.

TURNER ROAD
SETBACK LINES
ORD. NO. 608
INTRODUCED

Mayor Hughes then called for public hearing on the establishment of building setback lines on Turner Road between Cherokee Lane and the Lower Sacramento Road at 40 feet each side of the center line. There were no protests either written or oral. Ordinance No. 608, establishing such setback lines on Turner Road, was introduced on motion of Councilman Fuller, Katzakian second.

PARKING 200
BLK. SOUTH
HUTCHINS

The petition of property owners in the 200 block of South Hutchins Street requesting that the block be made a two-hour parking zone, having been held over from the meeting of December 18, 1957, was brought up for action. The City Manager had written a letter to the High School Student Council inviting them to this meeting; however, there were no students present. There was considerable discussion regarding the advisability of zoning this block for two-hour parking. Councilman Katzakian felt that the students should be approached and asked for their cooperation. He moved that the matter be held over to the meeting of February 5 and that the students be appraised of the situation and their cooperation requested. Motion seconded and carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

HAM LANE
SETBACK

The Planning Commission recommended that a building setback line be established on Ham Lane 40 feet on each side of the center line. On motion of Councilman Katzakian, Fuller second, a public hearing was set for February 5, 1958.

PARK SITES

The Planning Commission recommended that the City Council consider the acquisition of three park sites as essential to over-all development of a park program. These sites had been recommended by the Recreation Commission to the Planning Commission and are as follows:

1. Northwest corner of Hutchins Street and Vine Street - 5 acres.
2. Immediately south of Erma B. Reese School - 5 acres.
3. Southeast corner of Lincoln Avenue and First Street - 3.4 acres.

Councilman Fuller moved, Mitchell second, that action on the recommendation be taken under advisement for the Council meeting of March 5. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

PASSENGER TRAINS

Notice from the Southern Pacific Company of its application before the Public Utilities Commission to discontinue the operation of passenger trains between Los Angeles and Sacramento. Councilman Roberson moved, Fuller second, that no action on the matter be taken. Carried.

SUNSET AVENUE STREET LIGHTS
RES. NO. 2077
RES. NO. 2078
ADOPTED

A petition requesting the installation of street lights on Sunset Avenue from West Elm Street south to its end containing the signatures of owners of property representing 82% of the front footage of the proposed district was submitted by the City Clerk, the signatures being sufficient to give the City Council jurisdiction. The City Clerk also presented plans and specifications for the proposed district. On motion of Councilman Katzakian, Fuller second, Resolution No. 2078, declaring the intention of the City Council to form the Sunset Avenue Street Lighting District, was adopted and public hearing set for February 5, 1953.

ALCO LICENSES

The following notices of application for alcoholic Beverage Licenses:

On Sale Beer from Jack & Min Wong, New Shanghai Restaurant, 101 East Pine Street.

On Sale Beer and Wine from Mervin J. Reincke, Rex Pool Hall, 9 North Sacramento Street.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$139,435.39 were approved on the motion of Councilman Fuller, Mitchell second.

PUMP SPEEDS
APPROVED

The City Manager presented plans and specifications for a pump to be installed at Lodi Lake Park to improve storm drainage facilities. On motion of Councilman Fuller, Katzakian second, the Council adopted plans and specifications for a pump and authorized advertising for bids.

WIDENING
S. SACRAMENTO

The City Manager presented deeds from Fred Spiekerman and Roy J. and Iona Henderson to the west 5 feet of their property along South Sacramento Street. Both deeds were given with the condition that the City pay the cost of widening, including pavement, curb, gutter and sidewalk. Fred Spiekerman also stipulated that "that portion of Sacramento Street from the south side of Tokay street continuing to our property, will be widened approximately equal to that portion in front of our property or parking removed so that reasonable room for transportation to our lot will be obtained." The City Engineer recommended that the City comply with Mr. Spiekerman's stipulation by prohibiting parking along the east side of Sacramento Street between Tokay Street and Spruce Street. Councilman Robinson moved, Mitchell second, that the deeds be accepted subject to the above conditions and the City Engineer's recommendation. Motion carried.

TRUCK SPECS
APPROVED

Specifications for a two-ton truck and a pick-up truck to be used by the Street Department were approved on motion of Councilman Fuller, Mitchell second and advertising for bids authorized.

ALLEY
ENTRANCE
ON N. SACTO.

The City Manager stated that complaints had been received from the Greyhound Bus office regarding the difficulty the busses have in turning into the alley off of Sacramento Street at the rear of the station due to improper parking in the area on North Sacramento Street between the alley and Loewen's driveway. It was the recommendation of the City Engineer that this area be established as a red zone. Since public convenience and necessity require that the busses be able to enter this alley, Resolution No. 2079, establishing a red zone on the west side of the 200 block of Sacramento Street between the alley and Loewen's driveway, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Mitchell, Fuller second.

RES. NO. 2079
ADOPTED

LODI AVENUE
WIDENING AT
NEW HIGH
SCHOOL SITE

Mr. Graves presented a memorandum from the City Engineer regarding allocation of costs for improving the north side of Lodi Avenue at the new high school site. It was suggested that the school furnish the right of way and provide the curb, gutter and sidewalk and that the City remove the trees, do the necessary filling and the street paving. Councilman Mitchell moved, Fuller second, that the City accept the right of way from the school district subject to the above conditions.

SCHOOL CROSS-
ING AT CHURCH
AND KETTLEMAN

The City Manager read a letter from the Division of Highways to the City Engineer stating that the Division of Highways was designating the crossing across Kettleman Lane on the east side of Church Street as a school crossing with advance signs and pavement markings. Members of the Council noted that no flashing lights were being installed and agreed that markings proposed by the Division of Highways should be tried out.

PARKING PRO-
HIBITED AT
RARIDAN PROP-
ERTY ON MILLS
AVE.

RES. NO. 2080
ADOPTED

The City Manager reported that he and Mr. David Raridan of 900 Mills Avenue had been unable to reach an agreement regarding the parking problem in front of the Raridan property. The City Engineer had recommended that parking be prohibited on the east side of Mills Avenue adjacent to the Raridan property because of traffic hazards. Councilman Robinson moved, Mitchell second, that no action be taken to prohibit parking in this area. The motion was defeated by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Mitchell and Robinson

NOES: Councilmen - Fuller, Katzakian and Hughes

ABSENT: Councilmen - None

Councilman Katzakian moved, Fuller second, that the recommendation of the City Engineer be approved and that Resolution No. 2080, prohibiting parking on the east side of Mills Avenue from the southeast corner of the Raridan property northerly to the railroad tracks, be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Fuller, Katzakian and Hughes

NOES: Councilmen - Mitchell and Robinson

ABSENT: Councilmen - None

PARKING DIST.
NO. 1

RES. NO. 2081
ADOPTED

The City Manager stated that since there would not be sufficient funds in Parking District No. 1 to purchase all of the lots selected, it was recommended that the Ling and White properties be eliminated from those being acquired for off-street parking. On motion of Councilman Fuller, Katzakian second, the Council adopted Resolution No. 2081, Resolution of Intention to Make Changes and Modifications, Parking District No. 1, and setting the public hearing thereon for February 5, 1958. The Council also accepted the Second Supplemental Report on Parking District No. 1 from Pacific Planning & Research formerly Harold F. Wise, Associates. A contract for the sale of the Hoegerman lot on West Walnut Street for the Off-Street Parking District for \$30,000 was accepted on motion of Councilman Fuller, Mitchell second, and the Mayor authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

WIDENING
400 BLOCK
E. VINE ST.

The City Manager stated that the Engineering Department had been negotiating with property owners on the north side of Vine Street between Garfield and Central Avenue for an additional $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet of right of way which is required in order to provide for a 40-foot pavement as called for in the Master Plan. The City Engineer recommended that the City install, curb, gutter and sidewalk in exchange for this property. Councilman Fuller moved, Mitchell second, that such deeds be accepted under the conditions recommended.

TURNER ROAD
UNDERPASS

The City Manager reported that he had received the decision of the Public Utilities Commission on the Priority List of Grade Separation Projects for the Year of 1958 and that the Turner Road Underpass had not been included. The Council agreed that the project should not be abandoned, but that means of financing would have to be sought.

TRINITY RIVER
PROJECT-PG&E

The City Manager reported on a meeting of the Northern California Municipal Electric Association attended by him and the Mayor on January 7. The meeting was called to discuss the proposal of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company for "partnership" in the Trinity River Project which is being heard before a Congressional Committee starting January 20. The consensus of opinion at the NCMEA meeting was that the Association should not remain silent, but should actively oppose the PG&E proposal. The PG&E has given the Association no assurance that power generated by PG&E on the Trinity River would be available to members of the Association; further, it is the responsibility of the Association to obtain power at the lowest cost possible, and therefore the attempt of a private utility to obtain prior rights to public power should be opposed. The City Manager stated that the Association had therefore unanimously passed a resolution opposing the "partnership" proposal of the PG&E, requesting the Federal Government to construct Trinity River generating facilities, and asking favorable consideration be given to applications of member cities for purchase of power from this source. Mr. Graves said that such a resolution did not bind the individual cities to take this action. Councilman Katzakian stated that it was the duty of the Council to adopt a resolution endorsing the NCMEA resolution. Councilman Robinson disagreed with Councilman Katzakian and questioned the right of the City Manager and the Mayor to act on such a matter before discussing it with the Council. The City Manager stated he was certain of his prerogative to vote at the NCMEA meeting as a representative of the City. Councilman Robinson expressed his opposition to the NCMEA resolution and read the following statement:

"Should the City of Lodi oppose the Trinity Power development by the P.G.&E.?"

If the government builds the electric facilities (power plants), we, the City of Lodi may, under the Preference Clause of the Bureau contracts (as interpreted by the Secretary of Interior) secure our power at lower costs than we could from the P.G.&E. There is no guarantee, however, that this will be the case for there may not be enough power generated to go around. Government agencies, such as the Central Valley Project, Military installations, pumps for delivering Northern California water over the Tehachapi to Southern California, will have priority over us and there may be none left for Lodi.

From a selfish standpoint this may be the proper procedure, but I am wondering if we would not be "selling our birth right for a mess of porridge". For the comparative few dollars we would be saving on our bulk power bill, we will help destroy that which has made America great - Private Enterprise. We would help form a Government Monopoly over a very vital service to our country. Monopoly This is the aim of the Federal Power Advocates. If they succeed in this, what is to stop the government from taking over the Rail Roads, Telephone and Telegraph Service, The Press, Radio, T.V., Manufacturing and distribution of Automobiles, Feed Processing Plants and eventually every process of our living?

Under the Partnership plan of developing the Trinity Project with the P.G.&E. constructing the Power Plants and paying the Government for the use of the Falling Water, which they would return to the stream for other beneficial uses, the Federal Taxpayer (you and I) would be saved an investment of \$56 Million or 25% of the total cost of the Project. In addition, during the repayment period, the Company would pay \$165 Million Net for the use of the falling water than would be recovered under Federal operation. The Company would also pay \$83 Million in taxes to the Federal Government and \$62 Million to state and local government. A grand total of \$310 Million. It is true that these costs would ultimately be paid by the users of P.G.&E. power but they are all legitimate and should be paid by those served. There is no evidence that the Federal Government can operate as economically as does Private Enterprise. All of these costs would have to be duplicated by the Government and ultimately paid by some one. Are the favored few served directly by Federal Power entitled to be subsidized by all the people of our country?

If we will examine those agencies under Government Control, we shall not be proud of their economic and efficient operation. For instance, without subsidies and deficit financing the Post Office could not function. The Hoover Commission Task Force on Water Resources tell us that "The principal Power systems were found to have a total revenue deficiency of nearly 76 Million Dollars for the year ending June 30, 1954 and a cumulative deficiency of 332 Million Dollars. The Federal yardstick for rates was short by 40%." (Survey published by the Guarantee Trust Co. of N.Y.) Some one aside from those served by the Power Systems had to make up the deficiency. Each of us has paid his share.

We are asked to accept a bribe of possible cheaper electric power in return for assisting in wrecking the Partnership Development of the Trinity-- Our Birthright for a mess of Porridge!"

RES. NO. 2082
ADOPTED

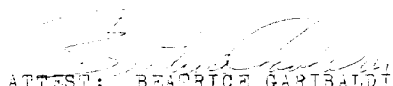
Councilman Fuller stated that he concurred with Councilman Robinson to a limited extent, but that the City had no guarantee of reasonable rates for power from the PG&E and that he was afraid of big business as much as big government and favored endorsement of the NCMBA resolution. Councilman Katzakian stated that a situation where there is no competition is not like private enterprise and that it was the responsibility of the Council to obtain power at the lowest possible cost. Mayor Hughes felt that the City had as good a right to power as the PG&E and the City has the obligation to look after the interests of its citizens. Councilman Katzakian then moved; Fuller second, that the Council adopted Resolution No. 2082 endorsing the resolution of the NCMBA, opposing the "partnership" proposal of PG&E to construct generating facilities of the Trinity River Project, and urging the Federal Government to proceed with such construction. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Fuller, Katzakian and Hughes

NOES: Councilmen - Mitchell and Robinson

ABSENT: Councilmen - None

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

ATTEST: 
BEATRICE GARIBALDI
City Clerk